Global recruitment

1645. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is poised to play a key role in global recruitment as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 18th December, 2002;

(b) if so, the work-force that is expected to be employed in foreign countries during the next five years, discipline-wise; and

(c) whether the exodus would hamper talent in the country, if so, the steps proposed to control this shift in talent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) The news report that appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 18th December, 2002, is based on the presumptions of the reporter and a person namely Mr. McKinsey, President of Stuart McKelvey Group — Asia Pacific for TMP Worldwide and is thus hypothetical.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

World Commission on Social Dimension of Globalisation

1646. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been included in the 26 member World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalisation set up by the International Labour Organisation which would identify policies linked to globalisation to reduce poverty, foster growth and development;

(b) what anticipated benefits the country perceives to achieve through this participation; and

(c) whether any blueprint has been prepared for this exercise so that our representatives truly reflect the collective thinking of Government in the body?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) Yes, Sir. Professor Deepak Nayyar,

Vice-Chancellor of the University of Delhi is representing India as a Commissioner in the Commission.

(b) No particular benefit to any individual country is anticipated to be achieved through participation in the Commission. However, its report is likely to help to identify policies, which can make globalization more inclusive, in ways which are acceptable and seen to be fair to all, both between and within countries.

(c) The consultation process of the Commission, which is an independent body, with different stakeholders including national Governments, is going on. No advance blueprint has been prepared as various ideas on the issue are expected to evolve through the process of consultation.

Age limit for domestic maid servants

†1647. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is under Government's consideration fixing the age of the domestic maids going abroad for jobs at 30 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what effective steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) The Government has issued executive instructions on 9th July, 2002, to the effect that no women below the age of thirty years be allowed to take up employment as housemaids in Gulf countries. This was done on the basis of the recommendations of the National Commission on Women.

(c) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.